

Come to SW Neighborhood Assembly Meeting Monday, June 28, 1999 at Link & Learn (see computer article below)

# The Southwester



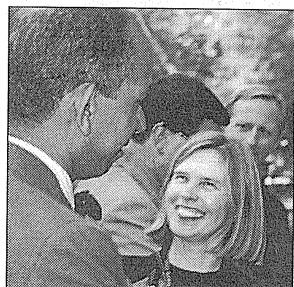
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Mayor Anthony Williams, left, is met by school board member Westy Byrd and Council member Jack Evans when the mayor spoke in Southwest.

## Mayor Holds Ward 2 Town Meeting in Southwest

by Gene Solon

For the first time in many years, a District of Columbia mayor has held a Ward 2 town meeting here in Southwest. About 300 people from throughout Ward 2 gathered together on the evening of July 11 at the Jefferson Junior High School auditorium and heard Mayor Anthony Williams describe how his proposed budget reflects a well balanced address of the city's needs for coordinated citywide planning, neighborhood improvement, safe streets, environmental protection, judicious tax cuts, education system improvement, giving highest priority to the nurturing of our city's children and to the provision of a safe, bright future for them.

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## Red Cross Issues Y2K Checklist

### What You Can Do To Be Prepared For Possible Disruptions

"Because no one can be certain about the effects of the Y2K problem, the American Red Cross has developed the following checklist for you."

Copies of the checklist were given out at the May meeting of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) in the SW library.

Disaster supplies (food and water), extra cash or traveler's checks, extra blankets, coats, hats and gloves, flashlights, battery operated radio and extra batteries

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## July 4 On The Mall

### Parade, Festival, Concerts, Fireworks

July 4th in Washington, D.C. will be celebrated a few blocks from Southwest.

#### Parade Starts at Noon

The parade down Constitution Ave. starts at noon at 7th St. N.W. and goes to 17th N.W.

#### Folklife Festival

From 11 am to 5:30 pm between 9th and 14th St. N.W. along the National Mall a folklife festival featuring New Hampshire, Rumania and South Africa will be in its fourth day. (Smithsonian station of METRO)

#### Band Concert

(Bluegrass, Gospel, Latin Jazz, etc., etc.) From 4 pm to 9 pm on the Washington

Monument grounds. Followed by fireworks.

#### Symphony Concert

The National Symphony Orchestra performs outdoors at a free 90 minute concert on the West Lawn of the U. S. Capitol building, starting about 8 pm. Bring your picnic basket. (Federal Center SW METRO station).

#### Fireworks near the Washington Monument at Dusk

About 9:30 p.m. fireworks are shot off from the grounds of the Washington Monument at Constitution and 17th. Among the best views are along Maine Ave. from 6th St. S.W. to 10th St. S.W. (Waterfront Station). ■

## Mary Ann Bailer Wins Air Force Woman of Distinction Award

By Jerry Blasenstein



On April 10, 1999, the Air Force Association, Thomas W. Anthony Chapter presented one of their "Women of Distinction and Community Leaders" Awards to Mary Ann Bailer. We in Southwest have benefited greatly from her activism and community work; we are very proud that she received this fine award.

She has been a fixture of Southwest Washington, DC since 1960. Mary Ann is truly a renaissance woman: teacher, motivator, peace-maker, activist, a builder of strong minds and bodies, a devoted mother of two and grandmother. From her very first years,

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## Are you Computer Literate?

If you want to learn something about computers or you want to learn how to compute a little bit better – the resource is right here in Southwest

Come to the June 28 Monday Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Public Meeting. It is going to be from 6:00 – 7:45 at Link & Learn. Remember, don't go to the church where most of our meetings are. Link & Learn is located on the 2nd floor of Waterside Mall (the stairs are next to the Safeway). Learn what this community resource has to offer. This will be the last meeting until the Fall. The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly will not be holding meetings during the summer months nor will the Southwester. Look for the first Fall SWNA meeting date in the paper which will come out at the end of September. ■

## Helicopter Photo-taking Flight over Southwest

by Perry Klein



Richard Westbrook (left), Perry Klein and Harold Dorwin, in front of the helicopter. Harold is a professional photographer with the Smithsonian, who volunteered his services. Washington Cable sponsored the flight.

After much planning and a dry run, three of us, cameras in hand and all residents of Southwest, flew over the area in a helicopter at low altitude. The primary mission: to take aerial photos of Southwest DC for display on the new [swdc.org](http://www.swdc.org) Internet Web site. The weather was near-perfect, except for some scattered clouds, and visibility was excellent. To improve the view even more, the pilot removed the helicopter doors for us!

We took off from the new South Capitol Street Heliport, which has only been in existence since last year. They are set up to provide transportation, tours, and photo-flights of the type we were taking. They are located at 1724 South Capitol Street, S.E. (telephone 484-8484).

More can be found on the Southwest DC Web site, [www.swdc.org](http://www.swdc.org). ■



Squeals of delight as cold water hits the faces of these K Street, S.W. girls. More photos on page 6.

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## Southwest Chamber Concerts Continue Through the Summer



**Chamber Quartet.** Performing at St. Augustine's church May 26 were: (L. to R.) Alfred Clark, piano; John Kaboff, cello; Amy Thomas, flute; Jerry Schwarz, clarinet

The Southwest Chamber Players will continue their series of free monthly concerts through the summer at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, Sixth Street and Maine Avenue.

The dates are: Wednesday, June 30, Wednesday, July 14 and on Thursday, August 19. All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. Although SWCP does request a small donation, there is no admission charge. For further information, call David Ehrlich at 484-6354. ■

## Letter to the Editor

I just want to thank you for keeping me abreast of what health care is available in this neighborhood. Your article on the Southwest Health Clinic saved my life. I was having an asthma attack and remembered the story about the clinic and the photo showing its location. The Southwester keeps me informed.

Thank you,  
Marie Wood  
Greenleaf Gardens

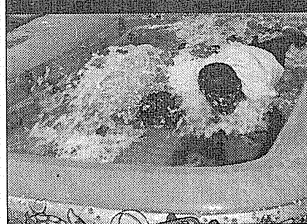
## Southwest Community Calendar

(June - July 1999)

June 28	Monday	Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Public Meeting 6:00 - 7:45pm Link & Learn Open House (last meeting until fall). Link & Learn is located on the 2nd floor of Waterside Mall.
June 30	Wednesday	Waterside Mall Task Force Meeting, 6:00pm at SWNA Office
June 30	Wednesday	Southwest Chamber Players Concert, 7:30pm St. Augustine's Church, 6th & M St. SW
July 6	Tuesday	First District MPD Citizens Advisory Council, 7:00 pm, DCPD, 415 Fourth St., Community Room
July 10	Saturday	Komen Toastmasters Club, 10am Southwest Branch Library
July 12	Monday	Advisory Neighborhood Commission, 2D 7:00pm Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4th and I St.
July 14	Wednesday	Fil-Am Toastmasters Club, 6:45pm Southwest Branch Library
July 14	Wednesday	Southwest Chamber Players Concert, 7:30pm St. Augustine's Church, 6th & M St. SW
July 17	Saturday	Komen Toastmasters Club, 10am Southwest Branch Library
July 28	Wednesday	Fil-Am Toastmasters Club, 6:45pm Southwest Branch Library
July 31	Saturday	Komen Toastmasters Club, 10am Southwest Branch Library
August 19	Wednesday	Southwest Chamber Players Concert, 7:30 pm St. Augustine's Church, 6th & M St. SW

(Please note: several SW organizations are not meeting during the summer. Please submit calendar items by September 7 to C.W. Hargrave, 554-8284) Stay Cool!

## Fun on L St. S.W.



Mini-pools at 205 L St. S.W. give kids a chance to cool off.

## Amidon Summer Program

Amidon Elementary school at 4th & Streets S.W., will have programs running from June 28-August 6. Summer Stars will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Th SEAS Enrichment will operate from 12:30-6:30 p.m. There will be a daycare program from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and a lunch center from noon to 1 p.m. ■

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## The following are the guidelines for publication in The Southwester:

The paper serves as a community bulletin board as well as a vehicle for news stories. Occasional articles pertinent to the city will be printed. Opinion letters should be addressed to *Letters to The Editor*. Contributions written by community residents are welcome. Articles should be well written and answer the five newspaper questions: Who, What, Where, When and How. Ads will be accepted only from paying customers, but may be rejected if the contents are of questionable taste.

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Drop off your stories on diskette with photos by Wednesday, September 8, in the box behind the counter at the SW Library, 3rd & I SW. E-mail text to: carjim@erols.com

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The objective of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, a.k.a. SWNA is: to improve the quality of life for all residents of the Southwest; to open to every Southwest resident the wide cultural horizon of modern urban living; to help create rich and equal social, educational and economic opportunities for every boy and girl of the Southwest; to assist in providing the opportunity for gainful employment for every adult resident and to promote development of the aesthetic potential of the Southwest. These objectives shall be pursued without regard to the social, economic and racial barriers that have divided cities in the past.

Mary Ann Bailer *contd from page 1*

he has performed outreach services to the community.

When Mary Ann began working full time, she still found time after she finished her full time job to "take on the city," by going out to different parts of the community where she was needed, to share her vision or improving lives. From little children to senior citizens, Mary Ann taught exercise, nutrition, and the care of the body, providing encouragement to thousands of people.

Mary Ann brings fulfillment to many. When asked about her philosophy of life, Mary Ann replies, "Self-preservation - you come first; if you can't take care of yourself and be happy, you cannot have satisfaction; surround yourself with positive people, keep our body together and your spirits high." ■

### NationsBank

NationsBank & the Housing Counseling Services, Inc will be holding a free first time homebuyer's seminar. It will be on Wednesday, June 30 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. The location is the NationsBank Building which is located at 730 - 15th Street, N.W. Reservations are necessary. Call Lupe Mena at (202) 667-7006.

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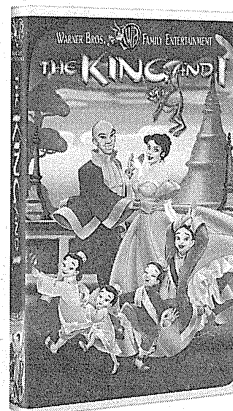
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## AARP Hears About Y2K, Saving Social Security



**Ronald Campbell**, an engineering graduate of Howard University, spoke to AARP on the Y2K problem. He works with the Corvus Corporation.

Speakers at the May meeting of Southwest's AARP chapter told of the uncertainty caused by the Year 2000 problem with computers, and about efforts to save social security without destroying it.

Bill Dodds of the National Council of Senior Citizens argued against "privatizing" social security. In Washington, D.C. alone, there

are 43,000 social security checks mailed out monthly, totaling \$67,053,000 a month.

Dodds quoted a Wall Street Journal article which said that "if only two percentage points of payroll tax were diverted into privatized accounts, \$60 BILLION a year could flow into mutual funds and other securities." ■



**Bill Dodds** spoke about Social Security to the AARP.



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## Councilman Evans Task Force Links Southwest to D.C. Government

By Jack Evans

Member, D.C. Council (Ward 2)

The new Southwest Task Force is off to a highly promising start. A remarkable 45 people attended the May meeting, held at Southeastern University, to focus on a range of issues in Southwest. The group included leaders from many organizations, condo associations, and housing councils.

If this is the kind of turnout we're going to get, and the energy level is going to be this high, the Southwest Task Force is going to make a real contribution.

Let me be clear about its purpose. The intent of the Task Force is to assist Southwest organizations in getting City government to respond to their concerns. I hope other people are drawn into the process, as well as organizations.

One of the overriding concerns that comes back to me, from every neighborhood I represent, is that City government does not respond, at least not in the manner that local groups would like. Police. Public works. Con-

sumer and regulatory affairs. Economic development. You name it.

Being the Council member, I have the ability to get City agencies to meet with local groups, to make those agencies respond. The Task Force is the vehicle by which we can bring the community and government together.

The Task Force will address quality of life issues, such as fixing streets and sidewalks, caring for trees, and the general appearance of Southwest. It can look at plans for the waterfront and it can offer another forum for talking about Waterside Mall. It can look at many other issues.

At the May meeting, the Public Works Committee, headed by long-time Southwest resident Richard Westbrook, reported on a walkthrough with DPW officials to identify potholes, trash, and other problems; the DPW officials promised quick attention. More such walkthroughs are planned for other parts of Southwest. ■

### Y2K Checklist *cont'd from page 1*

are on the checklist of the American Red Cross for the disruption that might occur next January 1, 2000, when some computers may think it is January 1, 1900.

Preston Davis spoke at the NARFE meeting. Sharon Atlee of the Red Cross has copies of the Y2K pamphlet at 202-728-6401.

### Possible run On Prescription Drugs

A Southwest pharmacist told the Southwester that drug stores expect heavy request for prescription drugs in December if people fear that computers at their HMOs might not accept refill requests after Jan. 1, 2000. ■

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## The Waterside/ Waterfront Task Force Work in Progress

By Judy Neiman

In the past six weeks, the task force has undertaken these key activities: It initiated the formation of the Jack Evans Southwest-wide Task Force; it also provides leadership and coordination for this broad-based community-wide effort. WM/WF co-chair Mercedes Sandoval-Beene is the facilitator for each Task Force meeting and coordinates the agenda and meeting logistics with Evans' office of Constituent Services. Meetings were held on February 11, March 18, and May 19.

More than 40 community leaders, stakeholders, business owners, and city officials attend each meeting. Special thanks to Southeastern University for the use of their meeting room facilities. The meetings are open to the public, and all attendees are expected to join an action group. WM/WF members Davey Renshaw, Dick Westbrook, and Andrew Kreider each chair an action group.

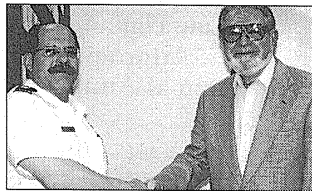
The Arts & Culture action group led by Ms. Renshaw, with the help of WM/WF co-chair Judith Neiman, initiated a letter-writing campaign and petition to keep Arena Stage in Southwest. The Arena Board has postponed making a decision until August, pending the outcome of a feasibility study. The action group will soon be coordinating meetings with City officials and Arena stage to explore tax credit incentives and zoning changes.

The Department of Public Works action group, led by Mr. Westbrook, organized the area's first-ever walk-through with City DPW officials to address problems in street maintenance and solid waste management. DPW immediately fixed sidewalks at 7th and I St., removed traffic barriers at 4th and G St., and removed debris from several locations as a result of the walk-through on May 12.

Mr. Kreider's Retail Action Group organized a meeting with Bresler & Reiner and Colonial Parking to address and make recommendations for parking and pedestrian access at Waterside Mall. Colonial Parking will be completing a Traffic Management Study by the end of June, at which time the Retail group's recommendations will be considered. Additionally, the group presented to Bresler & Reiner a timetable to implement no-smoking policies, upgrading of the mall entry doors, and other improvements.

A liaison to the Washington Waterfront Association has been established: Co-chair Mercedes Sandoval-Beene reports monthly to this group of waterfront businesses on WM/WF activities and Jack Evans Task Force efforts. Plans are underway to develop jointly-sponsored public events on the Waterfront.

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First District Commander **Kim C. Dine** congratulates Southwest's **Irving Gamza** who won the annual Distinguished Civilian Service Award from the Metropolitan Police Dept.



On June 1 Cdr. **Kim Dine** gave Cops Cop awards to officers **Dwayne Mayo**, left, and **John Devine**, right.

## S.W. "Orange Hats" For Safe Streets

**Larry Jendro Chairman,**  
Riverside Safety and Security Committee

Neighbors wearing orange hats stroll their neighborhood to demonstrate the presence of citizens willing to act in order to reduce crime. They typically walk with some form of communication to contact the police in case they witness criminal activity. They are also on the lookout for public safety problems like streetlights that are "out". In the Southwest neighborhood the "Orange Hats" mainly act to demonstrate neighborhood resolve to reduce crime.

The first outing of 1999 was in May and it was not the usual "Orange Hat" stroll around the neighborhood. A police commander, a police lieutenant, a police sergeant and several police patrolmen actually joined the "Orange Hats" on their walk. This was an unprecedented, very high-level, very community-visible display of police support for "Orange Hats" in the Southwest.

Second, the Metropolitan Police Summer Mobilization Unit was in our neighborhood that night. This is a special police task-force operating on summer evenings to put a forceful police presence in selected neighborhoods. As the "Orange Hats" strolled the Southwest, police cars were active everywhere. We saw them on each block and we saw the police making arrests.

Let's work together toward a greater sense of community, less crime in our neighborhood and more enjoyment of our wonderful SW environment. ■

(Ed. Note - Roxanna Folescu, an ANC 2D commissioner who is organizing Orange Hat walks can be reached at 488-1187).

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## SCHOOL & LIBRARY NEWS

### Anthony Bowen Elementary School Students Say "YES" To Math & Science

by Emma Dunham, Bowen ES Coordinator

The struggles and successes of a school year were visible on the children's faces who rode to New York City on May 8th to be on the NBC "TODAY" Show. This national morning television show was a great thrill for the students of Anthony Bowen's "SAY YES" to Math and Science Program. Forty students and seven adults left Anthony Bowen at midnight for a five hour trip to Rockefeller Plaza NBC Studios.

The outdoor broadcast started at 7 a.m. Saturday morning. But the journey to N.Y.C. started long before then. "SAY YES" a highly challenging and motivating program funded by Shell Oil Corporation, has armed the students of this program with the ability to fulfill their desires to learn, comprehend, and scholastically achieve the hidden treasures of education.

"SAY YES" has equipped thousands, hundreds of thousands with the confidence to continue to excel. Ms. Emma Dunham, team coordinator, along with other "SAY YES"

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- Child Care Group II**  
Every Thursday in July (July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29), from 1-5 there will be an orientation session for people interested in child-care careers.
- Young Adult Cross Stitch Club-July 14 & 29, 1999**  
If you are interested in beginning needlecraft, visit the SW Branch every 2nd and 4th Wednesday during the Summer from 3:00-4:30 p.m. For ages 11-16. Please call to register at 202.727-1381.
- After Camp Movies July 1-31, 1999**  
Come and enjoy movies every Thursday for children ages 6-12 from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- Pre-school Films and Stories-July 1-31, 1999**  
The SW Library has pre School films and stories every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:30- 11:30 a.m. for the very young child.
- Toddler Time-July 1-31, 1999**  
Visit the SW Library for a Story Hour which will include finger-plays, films, flannel board stories, and picture book stories. Toddlers Time is scheduled for 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Monday. ■

### Law Day - U.S. Attorney's Program at Amidon

The U.S. Attorney's Office is a sponsor of lots of students at Amidon Elementary. Every year they have a mock trial. This year on May 7, they had a mock trial presentation to the entire school. It was "The Big Bad Wolf v. The Three Little Pigs" and the verdict was left up to each classroom.

The Attorney's program sponsored a Law Day poster contest for all 5th & 6th grade students. The theme was, "Celebrate Your Freedom."

Computers Donated-The U.S. Attorney's Office is in receipt of pentium computers. They are donating all 800 of their 486 computers to the DC Schools - 100 are going to Amidon.

The male mentor/mentee program held their annual luncheon at Phillips Flagship Restaurant on June 11, 1999. ■

### The Cavalier's Club at Anthony Bowen

The Cavaliers, a group which promotes Southwest (by honoring both the past and present institutions of Southwest), will donate funds to Bowen Elementary to use at their graduation ceremony. Two awards, in the name of Leon Fields will be presented, one each to an outstanding boy and girl. It is fitting that this man who did so much for Southwest youths will be honored in this way. ■

### Blessing of the Fleet



On the third Sunday in May, boats from all over the Metropolitan Area converge on the SW Waterfront for the Blessing Ceremony. ■

### Jefferson Junior High Math Teacher wins Presidential Award

The Washington Post for May 27, 1999 reported that President Clinton named Alesi Bernadette Slocumb-Bradford, a mathematics teacher at Thomas Jefferson Junior High School as one of the three winners of the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. She was among 208 educators from around the country honored for their exemplary skill, performance and leadership, according to the Post. The teachers were to be honored at an awards ceremony in June and to receive \$7,500 to advance math and science in their school and districts. ■

### SW Youth Activities Task Force Awards

The Southwest Youth Activities Task Force has made grants to Southwest groups for summer programs, totaling over \$6,000.

The Southwest Child Development Center received \$600 for field trips. The annual Project Wonder summer camp at Landsburg Park - staged by local churches - received \$500.

The regular touch football camp at Kir Greenleaf field for 60 or so youngsters is put on by the adult touch football team formerly called The Stallions, now called The Jets. They will use \$1,100 from YATF for their program.

Basketball jerseys for the 10 teams of the new summer league of 13-to-17-year-olds were bought by a grant of \$1,268 from YATF. They began play at King-Greenleaf court June 5.

Club #4 Metropolitan Police Boys and Girls Clubs received grants of \$700 for registration fees for 14 youth to Camp Brown \$300 for computer supplies in the club's computer training center, \$2,000 for football uniforms and registration fees for 75 lb. and 85 lb. teams. ■

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**Mayor's Meeting** *cont'd from page 1*

Ward 2 Coordinator Budd Lane called the meeting to order. Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans made a short presentation emphasizing cooperation between Mayor and City Council. Southwester Gene Solon welcomed the mayor and the other Ward 2 residents to Southwest D.C. and thanked the Welcoming Committee whose members on all over southwest helped him publicize and otherwise prepare for the meeting. Ward Assistant Coordinator Susan Meehan then introduced Mayor Williams.

A good number of Southwesters were among the many people who lined up at microphones to comment and to request that the new mayor take action on a host of neighborhood issues.

From Southwesters, including Margaret Feldman, Roxanna Folescu, Rev. George Holmes, Gwyn Jones and Richard Westbrook, Mayor Williams heard, first hand, about the southwest community's concerns: Waterside Mall's future, waterfront revitalization, Arena Stage's future, buckling sidewalks, southwest's poverty pockets, recreation needs, crime reduction and other issues. Some suggestions were controversial, such as Mr. Westbrook's suggestion that tax levels fluctuate with revenue levels, and Ms. Feldman's advocacy that the city government could guarantee sole-source city data processing business to a would-be business owner in exchange for his commitment to re-disadvantaged Southwest residents. Mayor Williams promised that the federal General Services Administration and the Environmental Protection Administration (EPA) would be contacted in an effort to stabilize Waterside Mall tenancy and ease concerns about proposed EPA occupancy of Wilton Building quarters. Just after he addressed that issue, the mayor announced that his administration had dedicated some \$5 million to a multi-jurisdictional program for Anacostia River cleanup.

The town meeting format not only allowed Mayor Williams to hear directly from Southwesters, but also allowed Southwesters to listen to the concerns of their fel-

low citizens from Dupont Circle, Foggy Bottom, Georgetown, Shaw, and other Ward 2 neighborhoods. At one point, Mayor Williams promised a Shaw resident that tour buses Southwesters don't want idling on Maine Ave., S.W. would not be permitted to park and idle, as planned, near a senior citizens' residence in the Shaw area. The mayor promised that a suitable third site would be found. Ward 2 school board member Westy Byrd stressed that, while it may be necessary to construct new buildings, for the Red Cross at Foggy Bottom, for example, building design must not compromise the residential character of neighborhoods.

Residents' identities and concerns were diligently recorded by the mayor's staff. John Fanning and his colleagues at the mayor's Office of the Public Advocate made key publicity, logistics and registration contributions. Temperature and acoustics problems notwithstanding, meeting attendees deemed the May 11 event a success. ■

**Thanks to all who helped!**

Members of the Welcoming Committee attending the meeting were southwesters Audrey Austin of Tiber Island, William Byrd of Carrollsburg Square, Shirley Dabney of 700 7th St., Rev. George Holmes of Potomac Place, Harvey Jones of Carrollsburg Square, William Marbury of Town Center, Davie Renshaw of Tiber Island, Fumiko and Jim Rhodes of River Park, and Emma Ward from the Syphax School area.

Members who helped with preparations, but who could not attend, were Patricia Neverson and son David of 700 7th St., Roberta Patrick of Channel Square, and Natan Polster of Capital Park.

Manuel and Alma Fernandez of the Pier 7 Restaurant provided coffee and cookies. Jefferson school hosts were Principal Vera White and Assistant Principals Holmes and Reeves. ■

**SW Health Clinic**

*Southwest Neighborhood Health Center Gets Support*

**by Donna Alston**

According to the SWHC director, Bill Jones, the recent budget review, the consensus is that the Public Benefit Corporation supported fully the SWHC for the coming fiscal year. He had voiced concern at a SWNA meeting which was held in the early spring that seemed confident about the clinic's future when speaking recently.

Southwest D.C. has had a community-based health center for nearly 60 years. The center, located at 850 Delaware Ave. S.W. at the corner of Delaware Ave and I (Eye) St. W., is just three blocks east of the Waterfront Station on the Metrorail Green Line. The health center was developed during the administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, as the Federal and D.C. governments used on the shabby living conditions and services provided to residents living so close to the center of the U. S. government, Capitol building itself.

A comprehensive health center was begun in 1939 and opened the next year.

From the beginning a full range of services was provided, including internal medicine, pediatrics, OB/GYN and dental care. Today, those same services and more are provided, mostly in the same physical spaces occupied from the first day forward. It is a community-based clinic, now operated by D.C. Health and Hospitals Public Benefit Corporation, which was established in 1997. D.C. Public School Nursing and D.C. General Hospital also are part of the new corporation.

The center is handicapped accessible at the rear of the building off the parking lot and convenient to public transportation. Although most patients are from neighborhoods directly south of the U.S. Capitol, the center serves patients from all other wards of the city.

The center is open from 7:30 am to 4:45 pm Monday through Friday. Let the clinic director Bill Jones hear from you. The number at the clinic is (202) 727-3615. ■

**Honored for Her Pro Bono Work**

Blossom Athey, long-time resident of Southwest, was recently honored by the D.C. Legal Aid Society for over fifty years of dedication to the legal needs of the indigent in our community.

This prestigious Award is to recognize those in the community who have demonstrated a commitment to pro bono legal representation. Others who have received this award include Justice Thurgood Marshall in 1993, the Honorable Janet Reno in 1994, and in 1998, and Eric H. Holder, Jr., U.S. Department of Justice.

Southwest joins the D.C. Legal Aid Society in honoring Blossom Athey. ■

**Millennium Arts Center & Time Capsule 2000**

The Millennium Arts Center, MAC (formerly called the Southwest Arts Center) is finally about to become a reality. Our focus for the past 18 months has been on gaining control of the building. From this moment on, our attention will be turned toward moving into the building and getting MAC up and running. Toward that effort, we would appreciate any volunteers that would like to help us give MAC a "face lift."

Among the many programs and special events scheduled is Time Capsule 2000, a major fund raising event taking place at the Millennium Arts Center in July 2000. People nationwide will be participating and lots of memorabilia will be buried in time capsules to be opened on the 500th birthday of the United States. Prior to the event, pre-selected articles to be buried will be on exhibit at MAC.

For more information on MAC, Time Capsule 2000, or to offer help with scrubbing, painting or flower planting, please contact Bill Wooby at (202) 479-2572, fax (202) 479-0946 or e-mail ART651@aol.com. ■

**Anthony Bowen** *cont'd from page 6*

teachers, one acting as tour guide, have navigated these children's abilities to higher levels and even beyond.

"SAY YES," a nationally utilized program, continues to blaze trails into the world of education, allowing the potentialities of its students to reach new heights. Although this was a one day trip, the students were also able to take in Manhattan's Broadway, Central Park, Columbus Circle and upper Manhattan's Washington Heights, Harlem's APOLLO Theater, Park Avenue, Fifth Avenue, the New York Public Library, the Empire State Building, Trump Tower, the World Trade Towers, Wall Street, Battery Park and enroute to the Staten Island Ferry on the way to the Children's Museum, the Statue of Liberty. The "SAY YES" trip showed our students scientifically and mathematically that the distance between Washington, D.C. and New York City is only an equation apart. ■

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**Celebrating Richard Bauer**  
**Wallace Babington**

Last month at Arena Stage a memorial service (more appropriately and accurately titled a celebration) was held for Richard Bauer. He was remembered by family, friends, fellow actors, directors and neighbors. He was described as a gentle, humane, loving, tender, shy man - but also a man with a great sense of humor. It was the humor that pervaded the celebration: memories of events that continue to bring a smile to those who had the good fortune to know Richard. There was laughter and tears - but more of the former.

An Arena patron writes: "There aren't many people in the world who have touched so many in so many different ways. His laughter will remain in my heart forever." Richard on stage was memorable to so many people. Every Arena patron must have a special performance of his that will never be forgotten. Who can possibly forget Malvolio, Sheridan Whiteside or Lady Bracknell? But comedy was only one part of Richard's contribution to the stage. His performances in Shakespeare and Brecht alone would qualify him as an actor of breadth, variety and endless depth. One of his fellow actors who worked with him in "Hamlet" considers it a great honor to have been on the stage with him and reminds us that indeed "...he was a sweet prince and flights of angels do sing him to his rest." ■

## Culinary Quest

by Grace Wright

Hogates is not just for tourists....this landmark restaurant on the waterfront has been an enigma to us for some time. As we have listened to local comments ranging from "I haven't been there in years" to "it seems so open and busy", "it's a good place for parties" and...."the tourists go there", we have been mystified because we have always enjoyed Hogates for lunch, brunch or dinner.

And our lunch last week did not disappoint us. When my husband mentioned Clams Casino, not on the lunch menu, our waiter assured us that the chef would be happy to oblige. The tenderloin tips with vegetables and noodles and just a hint of jalapeno was also a wise choice. I had my favorite crab cake, very good.....the only thing I enjoy more is the catfish. A good cup of coffee is always a plus. Add a window seat on the waterfront and nothing

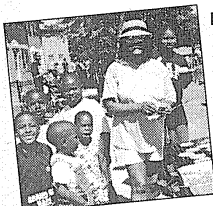
could be more relaxing.

The Executive Chef, William Bednar trained at America's premier school for chefs, the Culinary Institute of America at Hyde Park, N. Y. He is most accommodating and handles small or large groups with equal ease. He is also known in the community for his many charitable interests.

Maybe the solution to this mystery is that people are expecting Hogates to be something other than what it is. It isn't small and intimate, it isn't ethnic or unusual and you will never be served a painting on a plate or a dessert that is a structural wonder.

While Hogates is not a "4-star" restaurant, I would like to coin a new term in the restaurant critique world. It is a "4-square" restaurant.....good food, good service, good value and a good view. Hogates may never be considered fashionably chic, but it is always dependable.....and they do have those delicious rum buns! ■

### Street Fair on K St. S.W.



Face painting, hot dogs, sodas and a hose sprinkler were part of the fun at a recent street fair on the 200 block of K St. S.W.

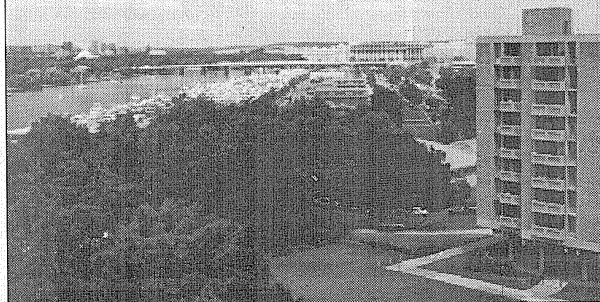
Jacquelyn Matthews cooked hamburgers for hungry youngsters at the K St. S.W. Fair.

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